FIG. 1

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SWITCHING ELEMENT _202_ | SWITCHING ELEMENT _204_ | SWITCHING ELEMENT _206_ | SWITCHING ELEMENT _208_

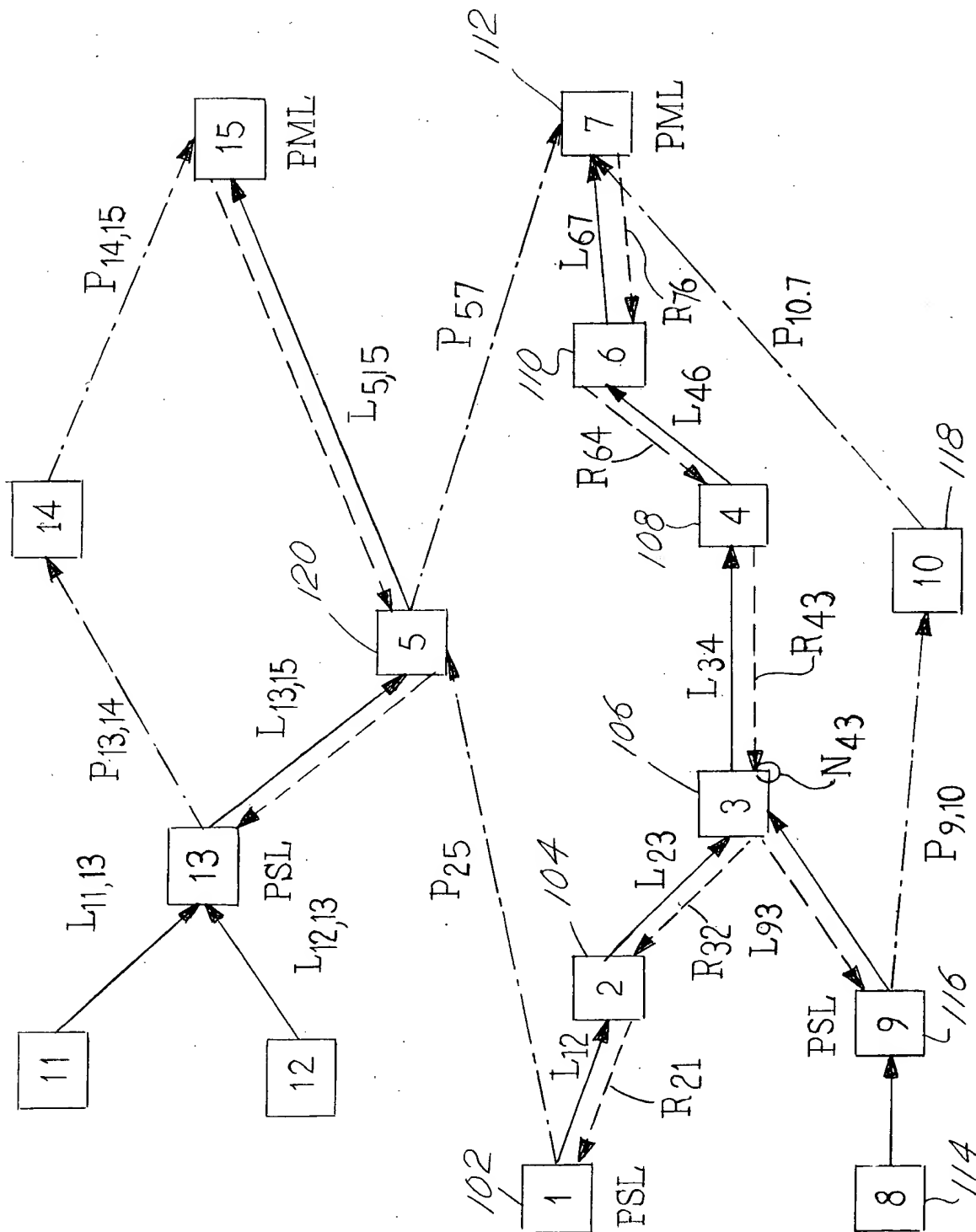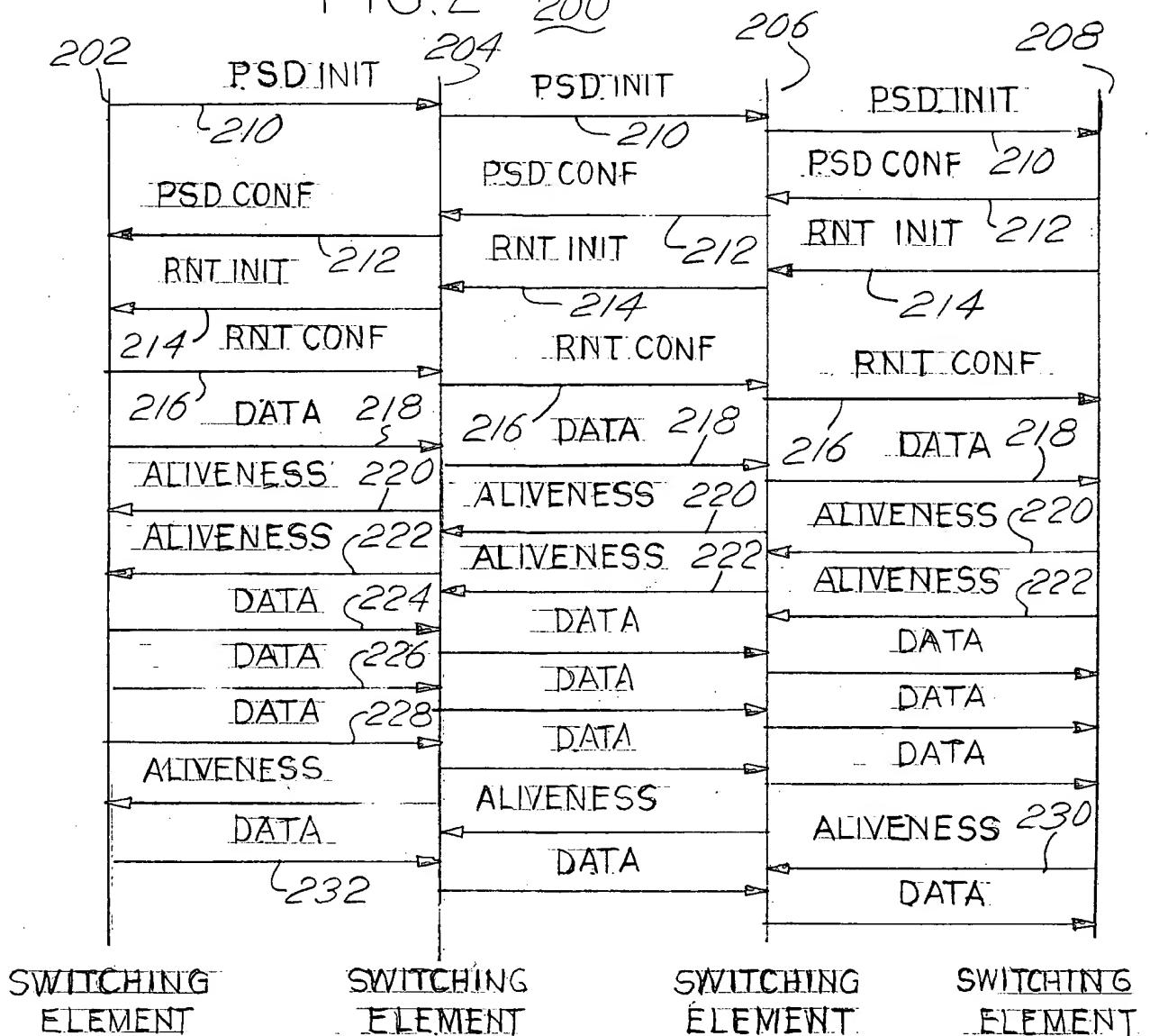| 202		204		206		208
PSD INIT	→	PSD INIT	→	PSD INIT	→	
_210_		_210_		PSD CONF _210_		
PSD CONF	←	PSD CONF		RNT INIT _212_		
RNT INIT _212_	←	RNT INIT _212_	←	_214_		
214 RNT CONF	→	_214_ RNT CONF	→	RNT CONF	→	
216 DATA 218	→	216 DATA 218	→	216 DATA 218	→	
ALIVENESS 220		ALIVENESS 220	←	ALIVENESS 220	←	
ALIVENESS 222	←	ALIVENESS 222	←	ALIVENESS 222	←	
DATA 224	→	DATA	→	DATA	→	
DATA 226	→	DATA	→	DATA	→	
DATA 228	→	DATA	→	DATA	→	
ALIVENESS	←	ALIVENESS		ALIVENESS 230	←	
DATA	←	DATA	←	DATA	→	
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PSD = PROTECTION SWITCH DOMAIN (ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING AND PROTECTION PATH : IDENTIFICATION OF SWITCHING ELEMENTS)

RNT = REVERSE NOTIFICATION TREE (ESTABLISHMENT OF REVERSE PATH FOR NOTIFICATION OF ALIVENESS)

INIT = INITIALIZE

CONF = CONFIRM

DATA = DATA FLOW

ALIVENESS = NOTIFICATION OF WORKING PATH STATUS